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SUBJ: SPC MEETING WELLINGTON

REF: STATE 038970

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. SUBSTITUTIONS PROPOSED REFTEL
PASSED TO MFA (DAWSON). ON INSTRUCTIONS MFA ASSISTANT
SECRETARY CRAW, DAWSON CALLED IN EMBOFF AND STATED GNZ
HAD SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ABOUT UK DRAFT AND FOUND US
REACTION TO JOINT GNZ-GOA DRAFT DISAPPOINTING .
END SUMMARY.

2. GNZ CONSIDERS UK DRAFT MOU TOO LEGALISTIC AND
BINDING. THIS PARTICULARLY THE CASE WITH PREAMBLE,
PARA 1, PARA 5 AND PARA 18. DAWSON STATED THAT
US PROPOSED REVISION PARA. 18 TOTALLLY UNACCEPTABLE
TO GNZ AND HE FOUND LITTLE TO RECOMMEND IN US PRO-
POSED REVISION PARA 15. (2). DAWSON SAID THAT GNZ
FELT BUDGET MUST BE CONSIDERED BY CONFERENCE IF THERE
IS TO BE ANY REAL FEELING OF PARTICIPATION BY
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ISLANDERS.

3. GNZ FEELS UK DRAFT PARA 5 TOO RESTRICTIVE AND MUCH PREFERS GNZ-GOA DRAFT PARA 4 WHICH TAKEN DIRECTLY FROM GUAM RESOLUTION. DAWSON OPINED THAT MOST POLITICAL QUESTIONS WOULD BE DEALT WITH IN SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM. HE FURTHER STATES THAT GNZ FELT IT WAS USELESS TO TRY TO RULE OUT DISCUSSION POLITICAL QUESTIONS IN CONFERENCE. THOSE REPS WISHING TO DO SO WOULD BRING UP POLITICAL QUESTIONS AT SPC UNDER GUISE OF SOME OTHER TOPIC, I.E., FRENCH TESTING AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE.

4. IN GENERAL GNZ BELIEVES MOU SHOULD BE COUCHED IN TERMS MAKING IT MORALLY, RATHER THAN LEGALLY, BINDING. DAWSON SAID THAT UK DRAFT IS, IN EFFECT, EFFORT TO EXTEND CANBERRA AGREEMENT. HE BELIEVES THAT THIS WILL BE UNACCEPTABLE TO ISLANDERS WITHOUT WHOM SPC IS AN EMPTY SHELL. GNZ FEELS THAT SPC MUST BE REJUVINATED, PREFERABLY AT THIS MEETING, OR IT WILL BE EFFECTIVELY DEAD IN FIVE TO TEN YEARS. REJUVINATION MUST TAKE ISLANDER DESIRES INTO CONSIDERATION AND PUT ISLANDERS ON MORE EQUAL FOOTING WITH METROPOLITAN MEMBERS OF SPC.

5. FINALLY DAWSON STATED THAT ATTITUDES REFLECTED BY US PREFERENCE FOR UK DRAFT DO NOT SQUARE WITH POSITIVE REMARKS ABOUT US INTEREST AND OBJECTIVES IN SOUTH PACIFIC AS REFLECTED AT GUAM CONFERENCE AND IN ANZUS COMMUNIQUE (PARA 8, WELLINGTON 0604).

6. COMMENT: AS EMBASSY HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY SEEN DRAFT MOUS (WE NOW HAVE COPIES) EMBOFF LIMITED COMMENTS TO ASSURANCE THAT DAWSON'S COMMENTS WOULD BE FORWARDED DEPARTMENT. IT OBVIOUS THAT GNZ A) VERY DISAPPOINTED AT US POSITION AND B) WILL BE WORKING VERY HARD TO GET CONFERENCE APPROVAL GNZ-GOA JOINT DRAFT.
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